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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE : SECRETARY GENERAL'S
LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO
THE SECRETARY WAS DELIVERED TO THE US MISSION JANUARY 27. ALSO
A COPY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S LETTER FO FOREIGN MINISTER
GROMYKO, IDENTICAL TEXT WAS ALSO RECEIVED. ORIGINAL LETTER
POUCHED JANUARY 28.

QUOTE

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

NOW THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST
QUESTION HAS BEEN CONCLUDED, I FELT THAT I SHOULD MAKE
CONTACT WITH YOU IN YOUR CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PEACE
CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN THE BRIEF STATEMENT WHICH I MADE THE CONCLUDING
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, I STRESSED THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF
ACTIVELY PURSUING THE GOAL OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, HOWEVER GREAT OR EVEN INSURMOUNTABLE THE OBSTACLES
TO SUCH A SETTLEMENT MIGHT NOW APPEAR. IN THIS CONNEXION, I
STATED THAT I INTENDED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE
PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND WITH THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE

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PEACE CONFERENCE.

I AM AWARE OF THE RECENT STATEMENTS ISSUED BY OUR
GOVERNMENT IN CONNEXION WITH THE RECONVENING OF THE PEACE
CONFERENCE. I AM ALSO VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE PRESENT
DIFFICULTIES IN REALIZING THIS OBJECTIVE WITH THE CO-OPERATION
OF ALL CONCERNED. TWO RELATED ELEMENTS IN THE RECENT SECURITY
COUNCIL DEBATE MIGHT HAVE SOME RELEVANCE TO THIS PROBLEM.
I REFER TO THE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE PALESTINIAN
DIMENSION AND TO THE REAFFIRMATION BY THE LARGE MAJORITY OF
THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE RIGHT OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA TO
LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES.
AS SECRETARY-GENERAL I AM CONCERNED NOT ONLY AT THE
EVIDENT DANGERS OF STALEMATE AND STAGNATION OF THIS PROBLEM,
BUT ALSO AT THE PROSPECT OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH MAY
ARISE WHEN WE FACE NEW DEADLINES ON THE PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN
THE ABSENCE OF ANY PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT.
IT WAS FOR ALL THESE REASONS THAT I FELT THAT I SHOULD
MAKE CONTACT WITH THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE.
I SHOULD NATURALLY BE MOST GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE ANY INDICATION
AS TO YOUR THINKING ON WAYS OF MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS A
SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM, WHICH IS OF SUCH CRUCIAL
IMPORTANCE TO US ALL.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,
YOURS SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

KURT WALDHEIM

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